



## MOS Records Committee

### Annual Meeting Minutes

**28 March 1987**

The annual meeting of the MOS Records Committee was held 28 March 1987 in Laurel, MD (hosted by members Hal Wierenga and Wayne Klockner). The following people were present: committee members Rick Blom, Roger Clapp, Hank Kaestner, Wayne Klockner, Bob Ringler, Chan Robbins, Hal Wierenga, Claudia Wilds, and secretary Erika Wilson.

**PROCEDURES:** Several procedural decisions were made.

1. After some discussion, the committee confirmed its policy of members voting on their own records, including the face-to-face discussions of third circulation records.
2. Third circulation records will continue to be saved for discussion at the annual meeting; after discussing the record, a written vote will be taken. In those cases where a lot of new material has been added, no vote will be taken, rather, the record will have its third circulation in the next package sent out by the secretary.
3. The distinctions between "Reject", "Reject--ID correct, but bird's origin questionable", and "Reject--ID correct, but bird's origin exotic" were discussed at length. Record # 85-16 (Black-tailed Gull) was discussed in particular because the majority vote was split among the latter two categories. Clapp and Robbins agreed to change their votes from "origin exotic" to "origin questionable"; the record will be so listed in *The Maryland Yellowthroat*.
4. Control over the composition of the committee was discussed. The committee voted unanimously to ask the MOS Board of Directors to change the wording in the *MOS Manual of Operations* to read "The committee shall consist of eight voting members and a non-voting Secretary elected by the committee." And to add to the terms of office the statement "No member may serve two consecutive four-year terms." (Subsequent research showed that these statements would be in direct conflict with the *MOS Bylaws* regarding Standing Committees, therefore, they were not sent to the MOS President. Committee members will look into other alternatives for maintaining control over the integrity and composition of the committee.)
5. The committee agreed to increase to 15 the number of records/package at the suggestion of Blom. Packages will have no less than 5 new records and no more than 10 new records. This will allow the committee to shorten the lag between first and second circulations of records, and to decrease the number of pending records.

**RECORDS:** Several records warranted additional discussion.

1. Spotted Redshank (83-12): the photographs for this record were misplaced after the first circulation. The committee decided to vote on the record without them, all the members present except Klockner having seen the photos in the first circulation. The written vote was 0-8, therefore this record is not accepted, and will reported as such.
2. Buff-breasted Sandpiper (83-21): after a short discussion, including the point that this record would not at present be subject to review, the committee voted. The written vote was 7-1, therefore this record is accepted, and will be reported as such.
3. Western Kingbird (83-29): a letter from Dave Czaplak elaborating several points was circulated; after a short discussion the committee voted. The written vote was 7-1, therefore this record is accepted, and will be reported as such.
4. Chestnut-collared Longspur (83-30): a page of notes written at the time of the observation by Harold Wierenga was circulated; after some discussion the committee voted. The written vote was 2-6, therefore this record is not accepted and will be reported as such.
5. Mew Gull (87-06): Ringler wished to withdraw this record. As it has been published, the committee agreed to voice vote "not accepted" unanimously without further discussion. Therefore this record is not accepted and will be reported as such.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The secretary reported that, as a result of the votes taken above, all records from Package No. 1 (15 records), No. 2 (15 records), and No. 3 (10 records) have now been completed. Two records from Package No. 4 are in circulation at present. The committee took up 30 new records in six packages during 1986-87, decided 37 records (excluding 87-06 listed above), and has 31 records pending. Notices of the committee's decisions continue to appear in *The Maryland Yellowthroat*; an annual report will be submitted to the MOS President; and a budget request of \$125 was made to the MOS Budget Committee for 1987-88, reflecting the increased activity between the committee and *Maryland Birdlife*.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Four people were nominated for membership on the committee. Bob Ringler was eligible for election to a 4-year term, having served only a 2-year term. A ballot with a brief summary of each candidate's background was distributed; a discussion by the committee of the candidates was followed by a written ballot. The secretary tallied the votes. Elected to the committee were Harvey Mudd (4-year term), Bob Ringler (4-year term).

The next annual meeting will be Saturday, 26 March 1988.

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